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Dear [redacted]

I am sorry that [redacted] has not been able to follow through more expeditiously on his promise to get you concrete answers on your proposed project [redacted] I gave him a vigorous nudge this morning and he promises to have something to you in short order.

I haven't talked to anyone outside my own agency about the project since you were here, hence I don't think my opinion about the possibility of its being Government-financed is worth much. My own agency does not feel it is in a position to take major responsibility for financing the project and I think that is true of State also. I don't know about USIA but [redacted] will find out.

I would advise you [redacted] to call on [redacted] if you happen to be in town on other business. I have just talked with [redacted] and he suggested that it might be useful for you to present the project to a reviewing committee that his office has set up for just such a purpose. On the other hand, I would strongly advise against coming to Washington for the sole purpose of visiting the Army crowd.

That's all for the moment. I am off on military leave until the end of August. If you don't hear from [redacted] within a week or ten days, wire or telephone him.

Best regards

Cordially,

Claude E. Hawley